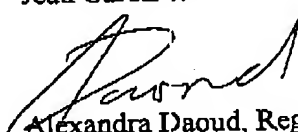


- REMARKS -

The term "optical fibers" has been removed from paragraph [0017] when referring to figure 1. The text now corresponds to the figure and makes technical sense. The scope of the description has not been broadened by the amendment and no new subject matter has been added.

It is believed that the present application is still in good order for allowance, and confirmation that the current amendment has been entered is courteously solicited.

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